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Central Valley Water Board Issues Notices of Violation to East San Joaquin Valley Growers for Failing to Submit Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports

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The Central Valley Water Board has issued 67 Notices of Violation to East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition members for failure to submit Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports. These reports are important because they identify potential risks to groundwater from nitrogen.

In 2012, the Central Valley Water Board issued waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that allowed farmers in the East San Joaquin River Watershed to join the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition. The WDRs require that each Coalition member prepare and implement a farm-specific Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP). On the NMP, Coalition members account for projected nitrogen needs and application rates for the upcoming crop year. Actual nitrogen applications are recorded in the NMP at the end of the season. The following March, members submit NMP Summary Reports to the Coalition, which provide crop data, yield, and total nitrogen applied for the previous crop year.

“The Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports are critical to the Board’s efforts to address nitrate contamination in groundwater. If the NMPs and Summary Reports are ineffective because of poor Coalition member reporting, the Board may have to resort to a more expensive and intrusive option: issuing individual permits to growers and requiring farm-specific downgradient groundwater monitoring to demonstrate compliance with water quality objectives,” said Andrew Altevogt, Assistant Executive Officer for the Central Valley Water Board.

The NMP Summary Reports provide the Central Valley Water Board with information regarding individual member’s compliance with the WDRs’ requirements. Without this information, the Board cannot proactively assess potential risks to groundwater from nitrogen applications and take measures to address these risks. Groundwater monitoring alone will not provide a real-time indication as to whether members are managing nitrogen to protect groundwater. Improved nitrogen management may take place relatively quickly, although it may take many years before broad trends in nitrate reduction in groundwater may be measured. Nitrogen

management reporting will identify Coalition members who may not be adequately managing nitrogen applications while trend data are collected.

The Notices of Violation require that the NMP Summary Reports be submitted to the Coalition and the Central Valley Water Board. The addition of direct reporting to the Central Valley Water Board ensures that this critical information can be used to protect water quality.

The Notices of Violation were sent to these parties:

Member Name	Company Name	Location
James Anderson	Lone Spur Ranch	Waterford
Matt Angell	Pacific Farming	Madera
Jorge Arteaga	Arteaga Farms	Modesto
Kathy Bauman	Bauman, Inc.	Oakdale
Marlin Bauman	GM Farm Properties, Inc.	Ceres
Shirley Bauman	Bauman Properties	Modesto
Greg Beccio	Happy Boy Farms	Freedom
Don Bishel	Bishel Vineyards	Madera
Frank Borges	Fabland Farms	Madera
Joanna L Botelho	LJB Farms, LLC	Chowchilla
Hope Carmo	Estate of John R. Martins	Delhi
Robert Cavaletto	RPC Ranches, Incorporated	Madera
Robert Conway	Orchard Ag Farms, Inc.	Modesto
Royce Conway	Rancho Nut So Grande Inc.	Menifee
Helen R. Dahman	Lombard Farms, Incorporated	Madera
Suzanne E. Solvin Dehmel	T.I.C. Almonds	Newman
Brian Deniz	DT West LLC	Madera
Suruidel Dhanoa	Dhanoa Farms	Fremont
Greg Dunn	West Coast Turf	Livingston
Robert Dusin	Rancho Trabajo	Winton
Manuel & Terry Espinola	N/A	Hilmar
Terry Espinola	D & M Almond Growers	Hilmar
Adelino Flores	Arnoldo Flores Dairy	Winton
Roger Fragulia	N/A	Atwater
Michael R. Goncalves	Goncalves Farm	Modesto
Ranbir Grewal	Grewal Brothers Farming	Madera
Carl Hamlow	Hamlow Ranches	Turlock
Brad & Karen Hansen	N/A	Madera
Glen Helmuth	N/A	Fresno
Arthur & Annette Jackson	N/A	Ceres
J.S. West Milling Company	Same	Modesto
David N. Knudson	Rubin Blech Trust	Fresno
Frank & Annette Lemos	F & A Lemos Dairy	Turlock



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Tony Machado	Machado Almond Farms	Delhi
Dale Maddalena	Maddalena Farms	Chowchilla
Harry Manoukian	Manoukian Farms	Fresno
Robert McManis	N/A	Modesto
Rosie Monaco	N/A	Modesto
Montgomery Farms	N/A	Merced
Rose Morris	Stadtler Ranch	Turlock
Tim Nelson	N/A	Madera
James Ohki	N/A	Winton

Member Name (cont.)	Company Name	Location
Tim O'Neill	Mersal Farm LLC	Madera
Sam Paregian	N/A	Modesto
Kirk Parrish	N/A	Madera
Luke Peaster	Peaster Enterprises, Inc.	Winton
Jasjeet Rai	Rai Sons	Livingston
Sohan Samran	Bapu Farming Co. Inc.	Madera
Dennis M. Serpa	N/A	Oakdale
John Slenders	N/A	Chowchilla
Pete Soliz	The Hall Company	Firebaugh
Ben & Sylvia Souza	Souza Revocable Trust	Stevinson
Joseph Souza	N/A	Modesto
Larry & Shireen Slate	Slate Farms	Le Grand
James & Jeffrey Steffenson	N/A	Chowchilla
Ron Swenson	N/A	Santa Cruz
David Talley	Talley Ranch	Chowchilla
Mike Terra/Ed Moreno	NorCal Nursery	Red Bluff
Carl F. Voss	Butterfly	Salinas
Paul & Sonya Van Warmerdam	PH Ranch	Winton
Mark Weighall	Almond Hills Ranch	Modesto
Dennis Welch	Welch Farms	Modesto
Raymond Welch, Jr.	N/A	Modesto
Keith White	N/A	Fresno
Regina Williams	Agrovice, Incorporated	Fresno
Jan de Witte	N/A	Modesto

Persons wishing to learn more about the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) can visit the Central Valley Water Board's ILRP website [here](#). The template for the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report can be viewed [here](#).

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